

## CHAPTER 445

S.B. No. 134

AN ACT

relating to the observance of certain state holidays.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:*

SECTION 1. Article 4591, Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

Art. 4591. ENUMERATION. The first day of January, the 19th day of January, *the third Monday in January*, the third Monday in February, the second day of March, the 21st day of April, the last Monday in May, the 19th day of June, the fourth day of July, the 27th day of August, the first Monday in September, ~~[the second Monday in October,]~~ the 11th day of November, the fourth Thursday in November, and the 25th day of December, of each year, and every day on which an election is held throughout the state, are declared legal holidays, on which all the public offices of the state may be closed and shall be considered and treated as Sunday for all purposes regarding the presenting for the payment or acceptance and of protesting for and giving notice of the dishonor of bills of exchange, bank checks and promissory notes placed by the law upon the footing of bills of exchange. The nineteenth day of January shall be known as "Confederate Heroes Day" in honor of Jefferson Davis, Robert E. Lee and other Confederate heroes. *The third Monday in January is designated "Martin Luther King, Jr., Day" in observance of the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and shall be observed in this state in the same manner as all other major national holidays.* The 19th day of June is designated "Emancipation Day in Texas" in honor of the emancipation of the slaves in Texas on June 19, 1865.

SECTION 2. Title 72, Revised Statutes, is amended by adding Article 4591.6 to read as follows:

Art. 4591.6. COLUMBUS DAY. *The second Monday of October of each year is designated as Columbus Day in honor of Christopher Columbus. This day shall be regularly observed by appropriate ceremonies throughout the state. Public offices of the state shall remain open on Columbus Day, and state employees may not take the day off with pay in lieu of a legal holiday.*

SECTION 3. Article 4591.4, Revised Statutes, is repealed.

SECTION 4. The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended, and that this Act take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

Passed the Senate on April 11, 1991: Yeas 29, Nays 2; the Senate concurred in House amendments on May 25, 1991: Yeas 31, Nays 0; passed the House, with amendments, on May 23, 1991: Yeas 115, Nays 23, three present not voting.

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Effective June 11, 1991.

## CHAPTER 446

S.B. No. 411

AN ACT

relating to the definition of peace officers; making certain technical corrections.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:*

SECTION 1. Article 2.12, Code of Criminal Procedure, is amended to read as follows:

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